



WOODROW WILSON Monmouth County

Although Woodrow Wilson was not born in New Jersey, he is still considered one of our most famous residents. In 1902 Wilson was named President of Princeton University where he served in that capacity for eight years. In 1910, he was offered the Democratic nomination for Governor of New Jersey; he accepted and was easily elected. In 1912, Wilson was a prominent, though not leading, candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination; on the 46th ballot at the national convention he was nominated. The split in the Republican Party enabled him to gain the largest electoral college victory up to that point, although he failed to win a majority of the popular vote. Wilson spent two terms in the White House, after which he retired to a small house in Washington D.C., where he remained out of public life until his death in 1924.

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